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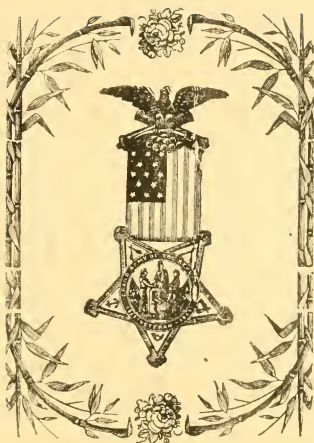
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# History of Farragut Post No. 1,

Portsmouth, Va.

Dep't. of Virginia, G. A. R.,

as read by

P. D. C., A. A. G. & POST ADJUTANT,

COMRADE WM. N. EATON.

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IN MEMORIAM — QUARTO CENTENNIAL.  
Celebration, April 6th, 1891

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## LIST OF MEMBERS ON ROLL APRIL 6, 1891.

James Avery,  
James Booth,  
Richard Bond,  
Peter Breene,  
George Beatty,  
Hazlett Carlisle,  
James Cook,  
James Clegg,  
John Douglass,  
Hallowell Dickinson,  
Wm N. Eaton,  
A. E. Fuller,  
John Flynn,  
Martin Foley,  
H. E. Foster,  
George Funk,  
Harrison Gaffney,  
Joseph Greene,  
Frank Gillepsie,  
Thomas Jones,  
S. B. Kenney,  
James Kennedy,  
Henry F. Kilberry,  
James C. Kelley,  
J. King,  
Thomas Kelley,  
H. M. Lamar,  
John F. Lawrence,  
C. S. Lawrence,

James A. McCoy,  
H. D. McEwan,  
Charles McDonald,  
Michael Morrissey,  
John Mulligan,  
Patrick McDonough,  
Henry O'Brien,  
W. S. Popple,  
John W. Rutter,  
Wm. Ryder,  
W. N. Rodgers,  
George Richardson,  
James A. Rook,  
E. D. Robie,  
R. G. Staples,  
J. A. B. Smith,  
William Steele,  
William Swartwout,  
William Campbell,  
Charles Thompson,  
W. A. Cooper,  
John W. Woodman,  
Charles Wilson,  
Theophilus F. Whitcomb,  
William E. Weber,  
Owen Quinn,  
John Ross,  
Henry Clay Fisher,  
Theodore Rock.



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## HISTORY.

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**D**URING the latter part of 1868, Comrades W. W. Whipple and Wm. N. Eaton, of Portsmouth, met frequently with Dr. S. B. Kenney, a Comrade of Grant Post of Richmond, and talked over the subject of the establishment of a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, in their vicinity. One or two meetings were held of several of the Ex-Federal Soldiers and Sailors, and it was resolved to at once take action as to the formation of a Post. At this meeting were Comrades Eaton, Whipple, Kenney, Staples, Rich and others. A Charter was applied for to the Headquarters, Department of the Potomac, and was granted, bearing date of February 25th, 1869, Dr. S. B. Kenney Muster-  
ing Officer. On that night, Comrade S. B. Kenney, who was a member of Grant Post No. 1, of Richmond, was detailed to muster in the applicants, which he did, the following named being present: W. N. Eaton, W. W. Whipple, R. G. Staples, Thomas Welsh. A. C. Fuller.

Charles E. Rich, George H. Gooding, Henry Stevens, W. H. Appenzeller, Peter Huckins, Robert M. Smith, George E. Elderkin, Lemuel Mayo, Thomas O' Connor, P. C. Asserson, Guy McAllister, James A. Spaulding, Isaac Miller and John Gibbs, all of whom were duly mustered and obligated. Of this number at the present time, Comrades Whipple, Welsh, Rich, Stevens, Appenzeller, Smith, Elderkin and Mayo, have all passed over the river at the call of the Commander in Chief of the Universe, and are now trying the realities of the unseen world beyond. What a lesson can be gleaned from this showing! Nearly one half of those mustered in on the first night of the organization of this Post, are dead; of the remaining number, two only, Comrades Eaton and Staples, are still members of the G. A. R., the others having lost interest in the organization and permitted themselves to run off the post roll of membership.

The first Post Commander was P. C. Asserson, now the ranking Civil Engineer of the U. S. Navy. The first Charter of Farragut Post was issued by Department Commander George F. Egbert, Commander of the Department of the Potomac, and was dated February, 25th 1869, signed by him and



C. Deyber as Assistant Adjutant General. The 2nd Charter was issued September 27th, 1871, signed by Comrade H. Carlisle as Department Commander of the Department of Virginia, and Comrade Max Cohen as Assistant Adjutant General.

The Post, at the time of its organization, was known as No. 5, Posts being then known by numbers and not by names, as now. The first memorial services of this Post were held at Yorktown, Va., May 30th, 1869, in accordance with General Orders of Commander in Chief, John A. Logan, and were participated in by Post No. 3, of Norfolk, and about two hundred and fifty persons, friends of the order. The Orator of the Day was the Hon. B. B. Foster, Judge of the U. S. District Court, who in the course of his most eloquent address used the following language: "Peace has come back with healing in its wings; man's talk is again of cattle and crops, stocks and shares; again the feet that kept step to martial music plod through the furrow, trip in the halls of feasting, or resound in the streets and on the wharves of busy marts." Speaking of the brave men who, with shattered limbs, decrepid forms

and depreciated health, who had but a few short years ago returned from the field of carnage and strife, and their claims upon the Government for the redemption of promises made, he said: "Is the Nation forgetting the brave men that rescued it? Is the war becoming an old story, trite and stale? Are the slaughtered comrades beneath the sod, and the shattered comrades who still linger, dropping from their place in the gratitude of the people who owe to them all they now prize and enjoy? Are they to remain examples of the ingratitude of the Republic? I sometimes fear so. The organization under whose auspices the simple and sacred ceremonies of this day are conducted, is designed to protect the brave men who upheld the Republic, from neglect and forgetfulness, living or dead."

"There could be no nobler mission."

Rev. James S. Beyer and the Rev. Mr. Hicks also took part in this first memorial service of the Post.

The number of the Post was changed by Dept. authority to No. 4, about August 26th, 1869.

Comrade W. H. Appenzeller was the next Post Commander, succeeding Comrade Asser -

son, who had served two terms of six months each. Comrades S. B. Kenney and George H. Gooding had served for the two terms as Adjutants, Comrade H. Carlisle being the next to serve in that capacity.

The increase of the Post in membership up to this time was very rapid, numbering about one hundred, and it was about this period that the grades of recruit, soldier and veteran were in operation. Many applications for assistance in procuring Comrades employment and positions were being received and acted upon, and in many instances with much benefit to those interested.

The calls for aid upon the Post fund up to this time had been very frequent, amounting to nearly \$600.00, not including private charities, which were not officially reported.

Among the members at this time, were found the following, viz: J. H. Remington, the first Provisional Department Commander, Comrades McDougall, Luther Lee, Jr., Lawton, Eaton, Kenney, Appenzeller, Dempsey, Carlisle, Murphy, Ryder, Shellcup, Christg, Beyers, Staples, Travers, Smith, Fitzpatrick, Burrell, Finn, Scott, Webber, Buckley, Murphy,

Gooding, Simmonds, Nichols, Miller, Huckins, Gibbs, Powers, Hodges, Wetermeyer, Wilcox, Cook, McCauley, Hughes, Rutter, Spaulding, Whipple, Lawrence, Roper, Russel, Sanders, Lord, Meehan, Slote, Lawler, Tinsman, Chandler, Gurley, Magerstadt, Johnson, Bogy, Applebee, Parkes, Proctor, Silloway, and others.

The 2nd Memorial Service was held at the National Cemetery, Hampton, Va., May 30th. The Orator was Comrade, Maj. J. H. Remington. Comrade R. G. Staples was elected in June, 1870, to succeed Comrade W. N. Eaton as Quartermaster, who had served since the formation of the Post to this time. Comrade H. Carlisle was elected Post Commander in June, 1870, C. A. Shafer, Senior Vice Commander, and P. H. Huckins Junior Vice Commander, F. J. Simmonds Adjutant, Dr. S. B. Kenney Surgeon.

August 18th, 1870, Comrades J. H. Remington, S. B. Kenney and Edward Murphy, were appointed to prepare a suitable eulogy upon the death of Admiral Farragut; it was read at the meeting of August 25th, 1870. The paper was read by Comrade Remington, and with a series of resolutions of sympathy to the family of the Admiral, were forwarded to them, also were

printed in the G. A. R. Journal published at Washington D. C. by Dr. Collins. Comrade Rev. James S. Beyer was elected Commander of the Post December 29th, 1870. Delegates to the Department Encampment were W. W. Siloway and H. B. Nichols. On the night of Oct. 23rd, 1871, a meeting under the auspices of Farragut Post No. 3, (the name Farragut having been selected, applied and adopted in September, 1869, and the change of number from 4 to 3, having taken place in August, 1879;) was held at the Union Station M. E. Church, R. G. Staples, Chairman, W. N. Eaton, Secretary. This meeting was to raise money for the needy and destitute comrades of Posts in the West, who had suffered from the effects of a devastating fire. Rev. E. W. Pierce, Pastor of Union Station M. E. Church, Dr. S. B. Kenney and others addressed the meeting, and fifty dollars was raised for the purpose designated.

S. S. Lincoln was the next Post Commander, his term of office commencing January 1st, 1872. The Post numbered about this time 135 members.

P. C. Asserson was elected Commander for the year 1873, this being his third term of ser-



vice in this position; Harry Gaffney, Senior Vice Commander, John D. Lawton, Junior Vice Commander, R. G. Staples Quartermaster, C. A. Shafer, Chaplain

A Camp Fire was held for the first time February 13th, 1873.

Two hundred copies of the Rules and Regulations of the Post were ordered printed April, 1873.

Memorial Day May 30th, 1873, was observed at Yorktown. No record was entered of Speakers or proceedings on that day. The Post Fund at this time amounted to \$627.50. Comrade P. C. Asserson was again elected Post Commander for the year 1874, Richard Bond, Senior Vice Commander, James H. Averill, Junior Vice Commander, W. H. Appenzeller, Quartermaster. Adjutant, James B. Dempsey, appointed, this being his third term. Comrade Asserson resigned April 15th, 1874, and Comrade S. B. Kenney was chosen to succeed him. Memorial Day, May 30th, 1874, was observed at the National Cemetery at Hampton. Addreses were made by Commander W. N. Eaton and P. S. V. Com. in Chf. Genl. J. R. Goble and Col. James D. Brady of the 63rd N. Y. Vol Infantry. Comrade

Kenney resigned the position of Commander Oct. 15th, 1874, and Comrade Richard Bond was elected to fill the vacancy. The Senior Vice Commander having also resigned, Comrade H. B. Nichols was elected to fill the position. Comrade James H. Averill was elected as Commander for the year 1875, C. A. Shafer as Senior Vice Commander, James J. Booth, Junior Vice Commander, W. H. Appenzeller, Quartermaster

Memorial Day was observed May 29th, 1875, at the National Cemetery, Hampton, Va. and at the Hall; Orator of the day, Com. S. B. Kenney

The Commander for 1876 was Charles A. Shafer, Senior Vice Commander, H. P. Buell, Junior Vice Commander S. B. Kenney, Quartermaster W. H. Appenzeller, Chaplain, Rev. Owen Hicks, Adjutant, appointed, W. N. Eaton; Comrade Shafer resigned subsequently and A. C. Fuller was elected.

On the night of January 13th, 1876, Comrade S. B. Kenney presented to David Farragut Appenzeller, son of Comrade W. H. Appenzeller, in behalf of the Post, a very beautifully engraved silver cup which was received by Comrade Eaton in behalf of the young man, in a befitting

speech. The Department Encampment was held at the Head-quarters of this Post, on the 20th of January, 1876.

Post Camp Fire and Memorial services were held February 25th, 1876. April 27, 1876, Comrade Wm. Ryder presented the Post with a handsome flag.

Memorial Day was observed May 30th, 1876, at Yorktown, Va. The Post and friends were conveyed to and from that place by the U. S. Tug, Pinta, the use of which was granted through the kindness of Commodore T. H. Stevens, U. S. N., Commandant of the Navy Yard at Norfolk, Va. Colonel James D. Brady of the gallant 63rd. N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, was the Orator of the Day, assisted by the Rev. R. H. Scott, then Pastor of Union Station M. E. Church. The trip on returning was a stormy one, and those who participated will never forget it. The Post attended the Centennial Encampment in July, 1876. Comrade Fuller resigned as Commander, August 3rd, 1876, and Comrade James B. Dempsey was elected for the remainder of the term. At this time the Post had become, for some reason, much reduced in membership, and a strenuous effort was made, with

some little success, to recruit its ranks.

The following comrades were elected as the officers for 1877: Commander, W. N. Eaton; Senior Vice Commander, F. J. Simmonds; Junior Vice Commander, W. Carr; Chaplain, Wm. Ryder; Quartermaster, Wm. H. Appenzeller; Surgeon, George Richardson; Delegates to the Department Encampment, George Richardson; Post Adjutant, Richard Bond. Certain changes were made in the Rules and Regulations governing the Post at this time.

The Department Encampment was held this year at the Collector's Office, in Norfolk, Va. Post Memorial Services were held on the 22nd of February of this year, with an appropriate programme of exercises. The Post at this time became impressed with the theatrical fever, and organized a troupe from among the comrades and friends and gave several exhibitions which were well attended and gave great pleasure to the performers and those attending, Comrades Bond, Kenney, Gaffney, Eaton, Hurlbut, Craig, Harrington and others participating.

The 30th of May was observed as Memorial Day this year, and was held at the Naval Hospital Cemetery, and concluded at night at

the hall; comrade R. G. Staples was the Orator for the occasion.

The Officers elect for 1878, were, Commander A. B. Hurlbut; Senior Vice Commander, H. Gaffney; Junior Vice Commander, W. K. Hammond; Quartermaster, W. H. Appenzeller; Chaplain, William Ryder; R. G. Staples, Delegate; S. B. Kenney Officer of the Day.

The Post observed Memorial Services May 30th, 1878, at the Post Hall, and the Department Commander, Comrade R. G. Staples, delivered the address,

June 13th, 1878, the Post remitted the dues of all comrades over six months in arrears. The Post also adopted a resolution that all the comrades be requested to pay their dues monthly instead of quarterly. This was an effort put forth by the Quartermaster to enable the comrades to pay their dues in smaller amounts, and was quite a successful one. On the third of October, a camp fire was held for the purpose of raising funds for the benefit of the comrades of the G. A. R., in New Orleans, who were suffering from yellow fever, the amount raised being some \$300, and was forwarded to its destination. It seems that the post was not as well



attended at this time as was desired, and a resolution was passed, in which a large number of comrades, then present, pledged themselves to attend the meetings regularly until the end of the year.

The officers of the Post for 1879, were as follows :

Commander, Wm. Ryder, S. V. C., S. B. Kenney, J. V. C., R. Bond, Chaplain, R. G. Staples, Surgeon, James Booth, Q. M., W. H. Appenzeller, Officer of the Day, A. C. Fuller, Officer of the Guard, James Saunders.

Comrade Adjutant W. N. Eaton, at the meeting Jan. 9, 1879, introduced a resolution that the Post hold a yearly service to celebrate the organization of the Post ; this was carried, and comrades Eaton, Appenzeller, Kenney, Gaffney, and Applebee, were appointed a committee to prepare a programme of exercises.

It would seem that the lessees of the Hall were somewhat lax in providing necessary furniture, seats, etc., at this time for the use of the renters, and they were appealed to, to provide suitable and comfortable seats and conveniences.

March 20, 1879, Comrade Department In-

spector Harry J. Gaffney inspected the Post. An employment committee was at this time in operation, comrade Staples being chairman.

A feature of the meeting held on the night of the 3d of August, 1879, was to take a recess in order to give comrades a chance to pay their dues, during which time, the comrades indulged in the smoking of the pipe of peace and liberty, and singing of songs. Farragut Post observed the National Memorial Day of this year at Arlington National Cemetery, at Washington, D. C., with the Posts of the Department of the Potomac. President Hayes and wife received the comrades of the Post, and friends. A memorial hymn prepared by R. G. Staples, was sung on this occasion, as well also, one written by comrade R. Scott Harrington.

The officers elect for 1880 were as follows: Commander, A. C. Fuller, S. V. C., Charles Ritch, J. V. C., H. Dickinson, Q. M., W. H. Appenzeller. Jan. 22d, comrade A. C. Fuller resigned as Commander, and comrade Chief Engineer King, U. S. N., was elected to fill the position. March 25th, 1880, the post was called together to pay the last tribute of respect to our late comrade, Chief Engineer H. Newell, U. S. N.,

a member of Baker Post, No. 8, of Philadelphia, Pa., Comrades Wm. Rydler, S. B. Kenney, A. B. Hurlburt, James Kennedy and Andrew Hopkins were appointed to act as an escort. The remains were escorted to the Baltimore boat, and were sent by express to Philadelphia, Pa. Memorial services were held, April 2d, 1880, and Comrade Post Commander, W. Hervey King, delivered the address, which was one of marked eloquence, and full of patriotic sentiment.

An auxiliary corps to the Post was organized in this year, and continued in existence for a short time only.

Memorial day was observed by the Post at Arlington Heights, Washington, D. C., in conjunction with the Posts of the Department of the Potomac. An ode prepared by Comrade R. Scott Harrington, was rendered on this occasion by the following persons, viz.: Messrs. Prof. C. C. Ainsworth, organist, since deceased; Thos. Henderson, Geo. Martin, James Pierce, and Comrades Craig, Harrington, leader; also assisted by Messrs. Sturtevant, Eaton and others. The ode sung on this occasion was dedicated to Farragut Post by Comrade Harrington.

The officers elected for the year 1881, were as follows, viz.: Commander, B.P. Kenney; S.V. C., L. C. Matthews; J. V. C., Geo. Beatty; Quartermaster, Wm. H. Appenzeller; Surgeon, R. Bond; Chaplain, Jas. K. Kennedy. December 15th, several prominent officials from National Headquarters visited the Post, viz.: Commander-in-Chief, Louis Wagner; Adjt. General, R. B. Beath; W. E. W. Ross, Commander of the Department of Maryland; J. H. Suter, A. A. General of the Department of Maryland; N. M. Rittenhouse, J. G. Taylor and W. H. Weigel, Aid-de-Camps on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

A camp fire was held on this occasion which outdid all former efforts for success in this direction.

Department Commander, W. Hervey King, made an official visit to the Post on the night of February 17, 1881.

Comrade Cook, and others, who had participated in the unveiling of the statue of Admiral Farragut, at Washington D. C., made a report of the same. In a communication from the Superintendent of the National Cemetery at City Point, May 5, 1881, he stated that there was

buried in said cemetery 5,135 ex-Union soldiers.

Memorial Day observed at City Point, Va. The Government Tug, Fortune, conveyed friends and Post to the landing and back.

A Memorial service was held by this Post on the afternoon of September 26, 1881, in commemoration of the death of our beloved and highly esteemed Comrade, James A. Garfield, late President of the United States. After the Memorial services in the Ritual had been gone through with, the Post attended in a body the Court Street Presbyterian Church of this City, where a solemn and patriotic address suitable to the occasion, was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Henderson, pastor of that church. At the next meeting of the Post, held September 29, 1881, resolutions were passed in memory of our deceased Comrades, General James A. Garfield, and General Ambrose E. Burnside.

Resolutions of condolence to Comrades Appenzeller, Beatty and Cook, in the loss of some of their children by death, were also adopted at this meeting. Comrade Appenzeller resigned the position of Quartermaster at this time and Comrade Thomas P. Jones was elected to fill the vacancy



The following officers were elected for the year 1882, viz. :

Commander, R. G. Staples; S. V. C., Wm. Ryder; J. V. C., A. J. Glacie; Surgeon, R. Bond; Chaplain, James Kennedy; Quartermaster, Thomas P. Jones.

May 25, 1882, Comrades A. A. G. W. P. Sands and Andy Fyans, visited the Post and were well received.

Comrade Ainsworth, in behalf of some G. A. R. friends from Massachusetts, requested that they might be furnished with some flowers as a memorial offering to their Post in Massachusetts. Granted.

There appears to be no record of the observance of Memorial day in this year, excepting committee's report, and that it had been observed at Naval Hospital Cemetery.

About this time an effort was made to secure means with which to purchase the property known as Union Station M. E. Church, the intention being, if secured, to convert it into a G. A. R. hall. This movement, however, never came to a successful end, as the Post was unable to procure sufficient funds with which to make

the purchase, and the entire effort was discontinued.

The Post was visited about this time by a number of Comrades from Mass., Vermont and New Hampshire.

The Comrades secured the U. S. Tug, Fortune, and the visiting Comrades were given a delightful trip to Fort Monroe, Nat'l Soldiers' Home, Normal School, and different points of interest along the river, and by resolution passed by them, they expressed their gratification at the delightful and very pleasant reception given them. The Post, at this time, numbered 45 active members.

A committee was appointed at the meeting of August 31, 1882, to revise the Rules and Regulations of the Post.

Several Camp Fires were held during this year.

The officers elected for 1883, were :

Commander, T. P. Jones; S. V. C., A. J. Glace; J. V. C., William Swartwout; Chaplain, George Beatty; Quartermaster, R. G. Staples.

In January, 1883, the Hall was renovated and put in good condition.

Post Memorial services were held March 8, 1883.

The death of Comrade Past Department Commander W. Hervey King, also a past Post Commander of this Post, was announced at the meeting held March 15, 1883, and a suitable set of resolutions was prepared and adopted at a subsequent meeting, setting forth his love for the order; his unbounded patriotism and courage.

May 10th, 1883, Comrade P. T. Woodfin, Department Commander, visited the Post and was gladly welcomed. He spoke of the kindness of Farragut Post to him in the past, and said he never could forget them as long as he lived.

May 30, 1883, National Memorial Day was observed at the Naval Hospital Cemetery; Comrade S. B. Kenney was the orator of the day, and the music was furnished by the "Hayden Octette Club," led by Comrades Harrington and Craig.

Memorial services were also held at the Hall at night.

A Camp Fire was held on the night of November 22, 1883, and on the invitation of the Post a number of the members of the Stonewall

Confederate veterans were present. The occasion was one of happy enjoyment to all who participated.

Officers for 1884,—Commander, J. W. Woodman; Senior Vice Commander, James Kennedy; Junior Vice Commander, James Cook.

The following is the record of the Post membership, January 24, 1884 :

Deaths 23; Honorably discharged and transferred, 19.

Dropped for all causes, 89; remaining on roll, 57.

Total mustered since organization, 188.

Names of members in good standing at this time :

P. C. Anderson,	W. H. Appenzeller,
A. Ainsworth,	James Booth,
R. Bond,	E. Bond,
John Brown,	G. J. Burnap,
George Beatty,	J. Barry,
H. Carlisle,	James Cook,
Frank Craig,	N. J. Croft,
A. J. Cornell,	James Clegg,
Thos. J. W. Cooper,	James B. Dempsey,
John Douglass,	W. N. Eaton,
Wm. Erxleben,	F. A. Englehart,
A. C. Fuller,	James Flemming,
John Gibbs,	A. J. Glacie,
Wm. Hughes,	George Hildreth,
R. S. Harrington,	A. B. Hurlbut,

Henry Johnson,	T. P. Jones,
S. B. Kenney,	James Kennedy,
J. C. Kelley,	Louis Kitzenslein,
Harry Lamar,	John S. Lawrence,
Moses Lent,	Charles McDonald,
John Magerstadt,	James A. McCoy,
Henry McEwan,	H. B. Nichols,
William Ryder,	J. W. Rutter,
Lewis Russ,	C. F. Ritch,
Harry Robie,	R. G. Staples,
James A. Spalding,	F. J. Simmons,
W. M. Silloway,	James Saunders,
Wm. Swartwout,	Albert H. Tarr,
John W. Woodman.	

Comrade H. Carlisle was Adjutant of the Post in 1884, having succeeded Comrade W. N. Eaton, who was Adjutant for the five years preceding. Comrade Carlisle, in the estimation of those who know, was the most efficient adjutant and correct officer the Post ever had.

Post Memorial services were held at the Hall of the Post February 25, 1884. Comrade W. N. Eaton was the speaker on this occasion, and was followed by the following named members of the Confederate Camps of the City of Portsmouth and Norfolk County, viz., W. H. Stewart and Griffith F. Edwards.

The following death roll was read on this occasion, viz.:



Comrades,—W. H. King, H. P. Buell, E. G. Elderkin, E. H. Eastwood, G. A. Lord, Lem Mayo, G. Parks, G. W. Roper, H. B. Stevens, L. C. Thayer, E. K. Winters, B. P. Chandler, James Gurley, W. B. Jarvis, Luter Lee, Jr., Barney McHugh, Charles Rich, George Shellcup, J. Satton, A. J. Joyner, O. H. Lackey.

The Post attended this year the Confederate Memorial services. Forty comrades were present.

National Memorial Day was observed at the Naval Hospital Cemetery, May 31, 1884. Comrade Adjutant General W. N. Eaton was the orator of the day; the services were participated in by the U. S. Marine Batallion, Sailors from thd U. S. S. Vessels, the Portsmouth and Norfolk, County Confederate veterans, and the public generally, and was one of, if not the largest attended of all memorial services ever held by this Post.

The officers elected for 1885, were: Commander, A. C. Fuller; Senior Vice Commander, James Clegg; Junior Vice Commander, John W. Rutter; Chaplain J. W. Woodman.

National Memorial Day was observed this year, 1885, at the Naval Hospital Cemetery,

May 30th. The Address was delivered by P. P. C., S. B. Kenney, and the services were participated in by the Confederates of this city and the friends and citizens generally. Mr. Frank Campbell sang "The Blue and the Gray."

At the meeting of July 30, 1885, resolutions of respect, sorrow and deep sympathy, were adopted in regard to the death of our illustrious comrade and hero of many battles, as well as our renowned and historical military leader, U. S. Grant.

At a number of the Camp Fires which were being continuously held every year by the Post, Comrade Prof. Charles McDonald was present and added much to the enjoyment of the friends and comrades present, by his able exhibition in feats of legerdemain, and for which he has received many resolutions of thanks from his comrades. October 10, 1885, the Post visited in a body the fair being held by the Confederate veterans of this city.

December 25, 1885, M. Glennan, Editor of the *Norfolk Virginian*, presented the Post with a handsome steel engraving of General U. S. Grant.

Stonewall Camp of the Confederate Veterans

of this city presented the Post with a beautifully worked representation of the tomb of General Grant; the presentation being made by Captain James Binford, Commander of Stonewall Confederate Camp, of Portsmouth, Virginia, who, in his brief remarks said: Commander and Comrades of Farragut Post No. 5, of the Grand Army of the Republic, I present to you on behalf of Stonewall Confederate Camp of this city, this picture, worked in hair, of the tomb of General U. S. Grant, and now we can all gather around this tomb, as American citizens, and admire his greatness in war; his magnanimity and generosity in victory, and his heroism in death.

Professor Charles H. Sturtevant and the choir of the Wright Memorial M. E. Church, rendered the music for this occasion.

The officers elected for 1886 were: Commander, R. P. Wheeler; Senior Vice Commander, James Clegg; Junior Vice Commander, D. G. Sterling.

National Memorial Day was held at the Naval Hospital Cemetery this year, Comrade R. P. Wheeler being the orator of the day.

Six companies of U. S. Marines; two companies of U. S. Seamen; Stonewall Camp of Confederate Veterans; Pickett Buchanan Camp of Confederates, of Norfolk; Farragut Post and many friends and citizens participated in this service.

The officers elected for 1887 were: Commander, R. G. Staples; Senior Vice Commander, James Clegg; Junior Vice Commander, J. J. Booth; Quartermaster, John Woodman; Chaplain, W. H. Appenzeller.

National Memorial Day was held this year at the Naval Hospital Cemetery. It was attended by the United States Marine Corps, under Col. Thomas Y. Field; detachments from the U. S. S. Trenton and Ossipee, Stonewall and Pickett Buchanan Camp of Confederate Veterans; Mexican veterans and the Sons of Veterans; Worden Post No. 25, of Norfolk, and Farragut Post of this city.

Stonewall Camp, of this city, presented the Post with a beautifully designed American flag made of flowers, on this occasion. Comrade Staples was to deliver the address, but sickness preventing, Comrade R. P. Wheeler was substituted.

The vocal music was led by Professor Charles H. Sturtevant.

The officers elected for 1888, were: Commander, Charles McDonald; Senior Vice Commander, H. Dickinson; Junior Vice Commander, James Cook; Quartermaster, John W. Woodman; Adjutant, W. N. Eaton; Chaplain, W. H. Appenzeller.

A very pleasing service was held on the night of April 12, 1888, it being a re-union of Post representatives to pay their greetings to each other, and to present to the Department Commander, John W. Woodman, a beautiful gold G. A. R. Rank Badge, which was done in a very pleasant manner by Comrade P. P. C. R. P. Wheeler, of Worden Post No. 25.

Resolutions of condolence were passed on the night of May 10, 1888, on the death of Comrade Andrew Ainsworth.

National Memorial Day was observed this year at the Headquarters of the Post, Comrade John W. Woodman, being the orator of the evening. The Choir of Wright Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church (South), under the leadership of Professor Charles H. Sturtevant,

rendered some very sweet music on this occasion, assisted by Miss Irene White, at the organ, and Messrs. Martin, Cutherell, Cherry, Sturtevant, Sr. and others.

November 15, 1888, the Post was inspected by Comrade Department Inspector, R. P. Wheeler.

The officers elected for 1889, were as follows :

Commander, Joseph Clark; Senior Vice Commander, Joseph Green; Junior Vice Commander, Thomas Kelly; Surgeon, Charles McDonald; Chaplain, Henry Kilbeery; Quartermaster, John W. Woodman, Adjutant, W. N. Eaton.

At a meeting held March 21, Comrade Kilbeery, Chaplain, requested a transfer card stating that he was going to leave the United States and cross over to the shores of old England. He assured the comrades of his love for them, and that though in a foreign country, he would ever wear with pride, the badge of the G. A. R., especially on National Memorial Day.

May 30, 1889, was observed by the decoration of graves of deceased comrades in the different city cemeteries, and a night memorial service was held at the hall; the Post met at 3 P. M., and

accompanied by the U. S. Marine Corps, under the command of Major McClane Tilton, and a company of sailors from the U. S. vessels at the Yard; Naval officers in carriages; Picket Buchanan Camp of Confederates, of Norfolk, who had previously presented the Post with a beautiful token of peace—"A white dove perched on a pyramid of flowers," the entire command proceeded to the Naval Hospital Cemetery where the graves of the blue and the gray were strewn with flowers, and then assuming line of march were dismissed at the different points selected along the route.

The services at night were very interesting, Comrade John W. Rutter delivering the address, the music being rendered by Comrade R. G. Staples and the members of the Fourth Street Baptist Church choir, assisted by Messrs. Sturtevant, Sr. and Jr., Eaton and others.

October 10, 1889. The positions of Commander, Chaplain, and Officers of the Day and Guard, were declared vacant by vote of the Post. Comrade James Clegg was elected to fill the position of Commander; W. H. Appenzeller, Chaplain; George E. Beatty, Officer of the Day, and H. E. Forester, Officer of the Guard. These

Comrades were duly installed into office. By resolution of the Post, Comrade Eaton was appointed to read a paper on the History of the War, and this was to be the first of a continuous set of readings by different members of the Post, to be appointed by the Commander at each meeting.

Comrades Carlisle, Woodman, Beatty, Clegg, Rutter, Appenzeller, Cooper, Rock, Milligan, Whitcomb, Forster, Lamar, McDonald and others, have read some very interesting papers, and this feature has been much appreciated by the members of the Post, as well as numerous recitations by Comrade C. S. Lawrence.

The officers for 1890, were as follows; Commander, James Clegg; S. V. C., H. E. Forster; J. V. C., J. W. Rutter; Chaplain, W. H. Appenzeller; Surgeon, Charles McDonald; Officer of the Day, George E. Beatty; Officer of the Guard, John Milligan; Quartermaster, John W. Woodman; Adjutant, W. N. Eaton.

Department Commander, R. P. Wheeler, made several visits to the Post during this year.

March 20, 1890, a Camp Fire was held which, in point of interest, eclipsed all others. Songs



were sung by friends who volunteered for the occasion. Comrade C. S. Lawrence, recited several very interesting selections, among others, "The Starry Banner of our Country," and besides these, we were entertained by several amateur comedians.

Comrade Whitcomb's narrative of his prison life at Andersonville, related at one of the Post meetings, proved very attractive and interesting.

Pound parties were held during this year and proved very profitable as well as affording much amusement.

Basket sociables were also introduced, and were a source of much pleasure and at the same time very profitable.

National Memorial Day was observed this year at the Naval Hospital Cemetery, and was participated in by the officers of the Navy Yard, the U. S. Marine Corps, under command of Major McLane Tilton; sailors from the U. S. vessels, and the vocal part of the exercises were conducted by Mr. Charlie, our old tried musical friend, assisted by others.

Comrade W. N. Eaton was the orator of the evening at the night exercises. The Post has been the fortunate recipient of a valuable library of some 52 volumes of the History of the War,

prepared by Comrade Chief Engineer, E. D. Robie, U. S. N., the present Dept. Inspector.

September 5, 1890, Comrade Past Department Commander, Past Post Commander and Department Inspector, R. P. Wheeler, died, and was followed the Sunday succeeding his death by the Comrades of his own as well as of Far-ragut Post.

The officers elected and appointed for 1891, were as follows: Commander, John W. Rutter; S. V. C., H. E. Forster; J. V. C., C. S. Lawrence (Comrade Whitcomb having declined the position of J. V. C.); Chaplain, Comrade Theo. T. Whitcomb; Surgeon, Charles McDonald; Quartermaster, John W. Woodman; Officer of the Day, George E. Beatty; Officer of the Guard, Comrade Owen Quin; Adjutant, W. N. Eaton.

December 21, 1891, marked the death of our beloved and efficient Comrade, W. H. Appenzeller. Comrades, how we miss him. Genial, active, kind hearted; his name will ever be held in loved remembrance, as one who knew his duty and always did it.

Resolutions of respect, condolence and sympathy, were adopted by the Post at its first meeting in 1891, on the death of our beloved Comrade, Appenzeller, and the meeting was pre-

sided over by our very efficient Department Commander, N. J. Smith, who was accompanied in his visit to this Post on this occasion by Comrades P. Keenan, and Commander Peter Morton P. P. C., of Post No. 10, of Richmond, Va.

January 21st, Comrade J. G. Fulton, of Post No. 17, visited the Post and was gladly and fraternally received.

And now we come to this nights gathering when we, with nearly a half million of our beloved comrades are at this very hour assembled in celebrating one of the most important events which has ever occurred in the history of the order, viz. its quarto-centennial. May we live to see the semi-centennial celebration, and if we do not, may God in his mercy forgive us all our past offences and take us home to dwell with Him in the bright world above, where no partings ever come.

W. N. EATON,  
*Adjutant.*

ADDRESS BY POST COMMANDER JOHN W. RUTTER.

*Comrades, Ladies and Gentlemen :*

In obedience to General Orders No. 18, of the Commander-in Chief, W. G. Veasey, of March 4th, and other subsequent orders, relative to this occasion, I have been selected to make a few remarks. In attempting such, I feel my inability to do justice to the cause which calls us hither. It would take the lips of genius to pay a suitable tribute to the honor of the noble veterans who composed and established this, our ideal organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, which we meet to-night to celebrate its silver birth. Twenty-five years ago the first Post of the Order was established in the city of Decatur, Illinois, with twelve members. To-day it numbers 7000 posts and nearly half a million members. What will it be twenty-five years hence? It will be but a remnant of an organization, with but a remnant of a future before it. It is different from any other organization, because it has no recruiting ground, except from among those who wore the blue upon land and sea during the war of the rebellion.

This band of heroes little dreamed of the grand results that would follow. It appears to us now when we look back, after a quarter of a century has passed, that it was inspired by divine hands to establish the grandest brotherhood and school of patriotism the world ever knew. An institution that now voices its principles of charity, loyalty and patriotism through

over 7000 posts, numbering near 500,000 comrade. The Grand Army of the Republic was organized, not to perpetuate the bitterness and hatred engendered by the war, but to preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which bind together all good citizens. Through the influence of the Grand Army of the Republic, great institutions have been established, and destitute comrades, stricken with disease, wounds, privations and age, have been assembled from the poor-houses and desolate homes and cared for in tenderness and love.

All over the land our beautiful flag, the emblem of liberty, floats above our public buildings, and places of learning, teaching the rising generation, as the orb of day spans the heavens, lessons of patriotism and love of country.

Every Post is an altar, every camp fire a shrine, where we pledge ourselves anew to the principles of *Fraternity, Charity* and *Loyalty*, and renew our vows of devotion to the flag. Comrades, ours has been no idle mission. God, His angels and humanity honor the brave men who voiced their patriotism in the four years of war, and who for twenty-five years have by individual and united devotion maintained and forever, sealed the principles for which they fought. Noble women, God bless them, braved the exposures of hospitals and the carnage of the battle-field, administered to the sick and wounded. Not satisfied, for it is said women's work is never done, they have rallied to the

aid of the Grand Army of the Republic, in their several organizations have cared for needy comrades and their families. Almost in every precinct of our land, there are nightly vigils, where sits a watching comrade or bows a devoted sister, catching the words of a dying soldier, "Bury me with my Grand Army badge on." Into those various organizations pours a constant stream of our givings, to be disbursed in works of charity and love. In compiling from the reports of the various departments, it shows near a half million of dollars is thus spent yearly in deeds of fraternity, besides large amounts are given by its individual members which are not reported. "Nor do we want it reported until we meet upon the plains of light," where the sound of muffled drums is heard no more, nor its territory scarred with graves, where peace and joy reigns supreme, and wars can never come, "Where the Grand Commander is enthroned, and all is peace and love."

# PROGRAMME

—OF THE—

## Quarto-Centennial Celebration

—OF THE—

Organization of the Grand Army of the Republic,  
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 6TH, 1891,

—AT—

### HEADQUARTERS OF FARRAGUT POST NO. 1,

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA, G. A. R.

PORTSMOUTH, VA., HALL, COR. MIDDLE AND SOUTH STREETS, AT 7:30 P. M.

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- I. Calling of the Assemblage to order by Post Commander, Comrade John W. Rutter and prayer by the Post Chaplain, Comrade Theo. T. Whitcomb.
  - II. Vocal Selections by Messrs. Eaton, Whitcomb and others.  
“Rally around the Flag, Boys.”
  - III. Address.... .Comrade J. W. Rutter, P. Commander.
  - IV. Vocal Selection—“Sherman’s march through Georgia,” by Eaton, Whitcomb and others.
  - V. Reading of General Orders No. 18 and Circular Letter No. 3, from National Headquarters—Assembly Standing—Post at attention with heads uncovered
  - VI. Prayer....Post Chaplain, Comrade Theo. T. Whitcomb.
  - VII. Vocal Selection .....“My Country, ’tis of thee.”
  - VIII. Reading of History of Farragut Post, No. 1, Department Va., G. A. R. Organized February 25th, 1869. Prepared by Post Adjutant, Comrade W. N. Eaton.
  - IX. Vocal Selection. “Praise God from whom all blessings flow” and BENEDICTION.









